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aluminum hydroxide, sodium silica aluminate and plastic pigments are additional pigments and the amounts of these are usually below 25% of the dry matter content of the mixture. Special pigments to be mentioned are special kaolins and calcium carbonates and barium sulphate and zinc oxide.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 3 and 18-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please substitute the following claim 1 for the pending claim 1:

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1. (Three times amended) A method of reducing combustion residue of coated, wood-free paper having an ISO brightness of 80% or more and an opacity of 80% or more, wherein said method comprises making said coated, wood-free paper with a coating pigment comprising calcium oxalate, wherein a proportion of the calcium oxalate in the pigment is between 10% and 100% by weight of the pigment.

Please substitute the following claim 7 for the pending claim 7:

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7. (Twice amended) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, wherein the amount of calcium oxalate is 0.1 to 90% by weight, calculated from a total weight of dry matter of the coated, wood-free paper.

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Please substitute the following claim 8 for the pending claim 8

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8. (Three times amended) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, wherein said calcium oxalate is a monohydrate that has been ground and over 90% of the particles of said ground calcium oxalate that are used are smaller than 2.3 μ m and only 10% are smaller than 0.5 μ m.

Please substitute the following claim 10 for the pending claim 10:

10. (Twice amended) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, wherein said calcium oxalate is calcium oxalate monohydrate.

Please substitute the following claim 11 for the pending claim 11:

11. (Twice amended) The method according to any one of claims 1, 4 and 31, said method further comprising using a second pigment or filler selected from the group consisting of calcium carbonate, calcium sulphate, aluminum silicate, kaolin, aluminum hydroxide, magnesium silicate, talc, titanium dioxide, silica, barium sulphate and combinations thereof.

Please substitute the following claim 12 for the pending claim 12:7

12. (Three times amended) A method of reducing wear of a coated, wood-free paper-making wire wherein said method comprises incorporating calcium oxalate into said coated, wood-free paper or into a coating color used in said coated, wood-free paper wherein said calcium oxalate comprises 10 to 100% by weight of total pigment.

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Please substitute the following claim 13 for the pending claim 13:

13. (Three times amended) Coated, wood-free paper comprising a pigment comprising calcium oxalate, wherein said coated, wood-free paper has an ISO brightness of over 80% and an opacity of over 80%.

Please substitute the following claim 14 for the pending claim 14.)

14. (Three times amended) The coated, wood-free paper according to claim 13 or 33, wherein said coated, wood-free paper has a maximum combustion residue of 35%, calculated from a total weight of dry matter of the coated, wood-free paper.

Please substitute the following claim 15 for the pending claim 15:

15. (Three times amended) The coated, wood-free paper of claim 13 or 33, wherein said coated, wood-free paper further comprises fillers or coating pigments other than calcium oxalate.

Please add the following new claims 31-34:

- 31. (New) The method according to claim 1, further comprising making said coated, wood-free paper with a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.
- 32. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein said coated, wood-free paper comprises a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.

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33. (New) The coated, wood-free paper according to claim 13, further comprising a filler that comprises calcium oxalate.

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34. (New) The coated, wood-free paper according to claim 15, wherein a total content of said calcium oxalate is over 85% of a total weight of dry matter of said coated, wood-free paper.